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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, I said they were being considered. I cannot tell exactly how long it will take to finalize them."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether canning does not come under preservation of food and if so, will the Government consider the question of reviving the canning factory at Beypore? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

Construction of a bridge at Chetwai, Ponnani taluk.

* 184 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state : whether the Government proposed to construct a bridge at Chetwai in Ponnani taluk, Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The proposal is under consideration."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, it is understood that Rs. 7 lakhs were collected by P.C.C. Societies in Ponnani taluk over and above the scheduled price of rice that was supplied, of course by mistake, and that amount has been taken over by the Government with the promise to construct the bridge. Therefore, will the Government take up the issue immediately and do the needful? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, it was thought that the bridge would cost Rs. 13½ lakhs but now as the bridge is proposed to be constructed at the estuary of the river, it is estimated that it would cost much more. Detailed report and estimates of costs have been called for. After these are received, formal sanction will be accorded for the construction of the bridge."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are proposals to construct any other bridge in Malabar? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

Number of persons thrown out of employment in South Kanara on the introduction of Prohibition.

* 185 Q.—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state how many persons have been thrown out of employment in South Kanara district after 1st October 1947 as a result of the extension of the Prohibition Act?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—" Nine thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine persons were thrown out of employment in South Kanara on the introduction of Prohibition. A majority of the ex-tappers are now employed in tapping sweet toddy for the manufacture of jaggery and the rest are employed in other avocations as agricultural labourers, etc."